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CIVIL ACTION NUMBER STC2018000103

Walker, Pamela Ms.

PLAINTIFF

VS.

Walmart Stores, East LP and John Dos No. 1-10

DEFENDANT

SUMMONS

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

You are hereby summoned and required to file with the Clerk of said court and serve upon the Plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address is:

JACK JENKINS
Dozier Law Firm, LLC
327 Third Street
P. O. Box 13
Macon, Georgia 31201-0013

an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 30 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This 25th day of July, 2018.

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PAMELA WALKER,	
Plaintiff,	
v.	Civil Action No.
WAL-MART STORES EAST, LP, And JOHN DOES NOS. 1-10,	
Defendants,	
ODICINAL COMPI	AINT FOR DAMACES

COMES NOW, Plaintiff Pamela Walker, by and through her undersigned attorneys of record, and hereby files this Complaint for Damages, respectfully showing the following:

PARTIES AND JURISDICTION

1.

The Defendant Wal-Mart Stores East, LP (hereinafter "Wal-Mart") is a foreign profit corporation that maintains its principle office address and registered agent in Gwinnett County, Georgia; however, it is subject to the venue and jurisdiction of this Court, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §14-2-510.

2.

The Defendant John Does Nos. 1-10, at all times relevant to this Complaint for Damages, was and is a manager, employee, and/or agent of the Defendant Wal-Mart, subjecting him to the jurisdiction and venue of this Court as a joint tortfeasor.

3.

The Plaintiff, Pamela Walker, is a resident of the State of Georgia and voluntarily avails herself of the jurisdiction and venue of this Court.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

4.

Plaintiff Walker re-alleges and incorporates herein the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 3 above as if they were fully restated.

5.

The Defendant Wal-Mart owns and/or the retail store and premises located at 1450 Bowens Mill Road South East, Douglas, Georgia 31533 (hereinafter "subject premises").

6.

On or about December 14, 2016, on the subject of the premises, the Plaintiff, as an invitee, slipped and fell due to a hazardous condition in the entrance of the Defendant's Wal-Mart Supercenter.

NEGLIGENCE OF THE DEFENDANTS

7.

Plaintiff Walker re-alleges and incorporates herein the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 6 above as if they were fully restated.

8.

The Defendant John Does Nos. 1-10, a manager, employee, and/or agent of the Defendant Wal-Mart, was negligent by failing to discover the hazardous condition, by failing to remove the hazard, by failing to provide adequate warning of the hazardous condition, and by failing to use ordinary care in preventing the hazardous condition that could result in such a slip and fall.

9.

The Defendant Wal-Mart, the owner and/or operator of the subject premises, was negligent by failing to discover the hazardous condition, by failing to remove the hazard, by failing to provide adequate warning of the hazardous condition, and by failing to use ordinary care in preventing the hazardous condition that could result in such a slip and fall, and by hiring and retaining an unsafe employee(s), to wit: Defendant John Does Nos. 1-10.

THEORIES OF LIABILITY

10.

Plaintiff Walker re-alleges and incorporates herein the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 9 above as if they were fully restated.

11.

The Plaintiff has a cause of action against the Defendant John Does Nos. 1-10 for negligence and all other applicable theories of liability.

12.

The Plaintiff has a cause of action against the Defendant Wal-Mart for negligence, negligent hiring and retention of an unsafe employee(s), respondent superior, and all other applicable theories of liability.

DAMAGES

13.

Plaintiff Walker re-alleges and incorporates herein the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 12 above as if they were fully restated.

14.

As a proximate and foreseeable result of the Defendants' negligence, the Plaintiff was seriously injured and has incurred medical expenses.

15.

In addition to paragraph 7, the Plaintiff has endured and will continue to endure pain and suffering.

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The Plaintiff is entitled to recover from the Defendants for her past and future medical expenses, lost wages, past and future pain and suffering, and all other Damages permitted by Law.

WHEREFORRE, Plaintiff prays that she have a judgement against the Defendants in an amount determined by a fair and impartial jury to be adequate and just.

Respectfully submitted this the day of June, 2018.

ROZIER LAW FIRM, LLC

Jack W. Jenkins Georgia State Bar No.: 390582 Attorney for the Plaintiff

PLEASE HAVE THE SHERIFF SERVE THE DEFENDANT AT THE FOLLOWING;

Wal-Mart Stores East, LP Registered Agent: Corporation Service Company 2180 Satellite Blvd. Suite 400 Douglas, Georgia 30097

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PAMELA WALKER,)	-	Angela Spell-Hutto, Clerk Coffee County, Georgia
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WAL-MART STORES EAST, LP And JOHN DOES NOS. 1-10,))	FILE NO. STC2018000103	
Defendants.)		

ANSWER AND DEFENSES TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT

COMES NOW, Defendant Wal-Mart Stores East, LP, and files this Answer and Defenses to Plaintiff's Complaint and shows the Court as follows:

First Defense

Pending additional investigation and discovery, Plaintiff's Complaint, taken as a whole, may fail to state a claim against one or more Defendants upon which relief may be granted.

Second Defense

Pending additional investigation and discovery, Defendant affirmatively preserves any and all defenses based on the doctrine of laches and/or the applicable statute of limitations.

Third Defense

Pending additional investigation and discovery, Defendant states that Plaintiff's alleged injuries and damages were caused or contributed to by Plaintiff's actions.

Fourth Defense

Pending additional investigation and discovery, Defendant states that Plaintiff's alleged injuries and damages were caused or contributed to by another party's actions.

Fifth Defense

Defendant denies that Defendant or Defendant's agents or employees were negligent in any way in connection with the incident which is the subject of this litigation.

Sixth Defense

Defendant breached no duty owed to Plaintiff.

Seventh Defense

Plaintiff may not recover against Defendant because no act or omission of Defendant was the legal cause or the proximate precipitating cause of Plaintiff's alleged injuries and damages.

Eighth Defense

Pending further investigation and discovery, Defendant asserts the defenses of contributory and comparative negligence.

Ninth Defense

Plaintiff may not recover against Defendant due to Plaintiff's equal or superior knowledge of any condition which she alleges resulted in this event.

Tenth Defense

Plaintiff failed to exercise ordinary care for her own safety.

Eleventh Defense

Defendant denies any and all allegations regarding negligent inspection and failure to warn.

Twelfth Defense

Plaintiff is not entitled to any special damages to the extent that Plaintiff has failed to specifically plead them in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 9-11-9(g).

Thirteenth Defense

Plaintiff is not entitled to attorney's fees, expenses, post-judgment interest or pre-judgment interest under the facts of this case. Further, Defendant preserves all rights against Plaintiff to the extent these claims are asserted without any justifiable basis in fact or law. If Plaintiff's claims are determined to be false or fraudulent, Defendant reserves the right to seek all sanctions against all persons allowed by law.

Fourteenth Defense

Pending further investigation and discovery, Defendant reserves the right to assert all affirmative defenses available under the Georgia Civil Practice Act.

Fifteenth Defense

In answer to the specific allegations of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendant shows the Court as follows:

PARTIES AND JURISDICTION

1.

Denied as pled.

2.

Denied.

3.

Defendant does not have sufficient information at this time to admit or deny the allegations contained within Paragraph 3 of Plaintiff's Complaint, and places Plaintiff on strict proof of same.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

4.	
Defendant re-states the information set fort	h in Paragraphs 1-3 herein
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Denied as pled.	
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Denied.	
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Denied.	

DAMAGES

13.

Defendant re-states the information set forth in Paragraphs 1-12 herein.

14.

Denied.

15.

Denied as pled.

16.

Denied.

17.

Defendant denies all allegations contained within Plaintiff's "prayer for relief" which appears immediately after the 16th paragraph of Plaintiff's Complaint.

18.

Defendant denies all other allegations of the Complaint which have not been specifically responded to in the previous paragraphs.

DEFENDANT HEREBY DEMANDS TRIAL BY JURY OF TWELVE REGARDING ANY ISSUES NOT SUBJECT TO SUMMARY ADJUDICATION.

Having fully answered, Defendant prays that it be discharged with all costs cast against Plaintiff.

Respectfully submitted, this 30 day of August, 2018.

DREW, ECKL & FARNHAM, LLP

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Plaintiff,)	
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have this day forwarded, via United States Mail, postage prepaid, a true and correct copy of the foregoing *Answer and Defenses to Plaintiff's Complaint* to the following counsel of record, addressed as follows:

Jack W. Jenkins
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327 Third Street
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This _____day of August, 2018.

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